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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### SELECTMEN.

JOHN C. PEARSON,  
FRANK L. GERRISH,  
WILLIAM P. ABBOTT.

### TOWN-CLERK.

CHARLES E. CHADWICK.

### TREASURER.

CHARLES J. ELLSWORTH.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

WILLIS G. BUXTON.

### AUDITORS.

WALTER E. SWEATT, Esq.,  
LUTHER GAGE, Esq.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REV. FRANK HALEY,  
DR. A. C. ALEXANDER.

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST.

CHARLES J. ELLSWORTH,  
HENRY C. WADE,  
JOSEPH G. EASTMAN.

## DETAILED STATEMENT

OF THE EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

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State tax paid state treasurer,	\$2,056.00
County tax paid county treasurer,	2,312.90

### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid as follows :

1883.

March	26. Frank Peverly, lighting bridge,	\$15.00
	I. K. Gage, bal. precinct tax,	22.50
	30. S. A. Ambrose, aid to transients,	1.50
	31. F. J. Plummer, digging grave, etc.,	3.00
April	13. Samuel Choate, bounty on crows,	.20
	J. G. Eastman, sheep killed by dogs,	4.00
	17. Dr. J. J. Dearborn, return of births and deaths,	1.00
	Dr. J. H. Sanborn, return of births and deaths,	.25
	27. F. D. Johnson, digging graves,	4.00
May	11. H. H. Amsden & Sons, wood for engine-house,	1.00
	12. F. J. Plummer, digging grave,	2.00
	26. Harry F. Jones, bounty on crows,	.20
	John H. Tucker, " "	.20
	29. F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
	30. Grand Army Republic, decorating soldiers' graves,	10.00
June	4. G. E. Fisher, for Torrent Engine Co.,	26.00



June	5. John W. Cram, bounty on crows,	\$ .40
	23. C. E. Smith, damage on highway,	5.00
	28. E. H. Flanders, bounty on crows,	1.00
	Stephen Wiggin, " "	.40
	Edward Gilman, " "	.30
	30. Robert Wiers, " "	.10
July	2. George Neller, Precinct Com.,	75.00
July	28. Frank L. Gerrish, Treas. Anniver- sary Com.,	300.00
Aug.	6. H. W. Tilton, damage on highway,	10.00
	14. F. J. Plummer, digging grave,	2.00
Sept.	20. Andrew Keenan, wood for engine- house, sawing and housing same,	16.50
Oct.	1. E. G. Cate, bounty on woodchuck,	.10
	Frank Peverly, lighting bridge,	15.00
	N. S. Webster, water-trough,	3.00
	3. George Neller, Precinct Com.,	50.00
	24. F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
	25. Republican Press Ass'n, printing town reports,	32.50
	25. Special police for Centennial,	12.50
	F. D. Johnson, digging graves,	4.00
	Daniel Flint, labor in Plain ceme- tery,	7.20
	27. Daniel Flint, labor in Old cemetery,	8.00
Nov.	24. J. W. Bent, digging graves,	2.00
Dec.	10. B. F. Butler, notifying town officers,	7.00
	27. U. S. & C. Express, express on hose,	1.15
	29. Sundry persons, bounty on crows,	3.00
	31. George Neller, Precinct Com.,	75.00
	Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	100.75

1884.

Jan.	2. I. Baty, repairs on lamps,	1.70
	3. George E. Fisher, pay-roll Torrent Engine Co.,	250 00
	F. D. Johnson, digging grave,	2.00
	11. Richard Pevare, water-trough,	3.00

Jan.	17.	E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths,	\$12.75	
	28.	H. H. Amsden & Sons, wood for engine-house,	1.00	
		Town of Webster, fence for Beaver Dam cemetery,	51.57	
		F. D. Johnson, digging graves,	6.00	
	31.	George E. Kimball, wood for lobby,	2.00	
Feb.	11.	F. L. Gerrish, repairs on town hall,	4.21	
	17.	I. K. Gage, water-trough,	3.00	
		Butler & Buxton, retaining fee,	10.00	
	28.	C. E. Chadwick, stationery,	.65	
		E. W. Durgin, care of town hall,	2.00	
		N. S. Gale, repair on street lamps,	.50	
		James H. Gill, wood, etc., for town hall,	2.50	
		S. G. Noyes, printing, etc.,	1.35	
		W. P. Abbott, use of teams, etc.,	8.00	
		F. L. Gerrish, board of selectmen,	10.00	
		J. C. Pearson, horse hire and cash paid out,	28.00	
		Mary L. Dodge and sisters, water-trough,	3.00	
		W. G. Buxton, discount on taxes paid prior to July 1, 1883,	261.51	
			<hr/>	\$1,491.49

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1883. Paid as follows :

March	30.	Hervey Atkinson, breaking roads,	\$8.50
		Ira N. Colby,	5.00
April	14.	Frank L. Gerrish,	7.70
	17.	J. B. Goodhue,	2.00
	23.	Richard Pevare,	15.75
		George Neller, lighting lamps at engine-house and Twin bridge,	24.28
May	5.	George C. Chadwick, work on road,	8.25
	12.	Folsom Bros.,	3.80



May	26.	W. B. Burpee, work on road,	\$1.50
		B. W. Rowell,       “	4.95
June	1.	W. E. Marden,       “	2.43
	18.	Frederick Gilman,   “	18.00
	30.	C. J. Rand,         “	15.58
		Henry Coffin,       “	2.50
		W. B. Burpee,       “	.42
		F. L. Sweatland,   “	2.00
		John A. McClure, tax of 1882,	24.54
Aug.	3.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, lumber,	18.63
Oct.	1.	W. S. Webster, snowing bridge,	
		1882-'83,	1.20
		Burbank Bros., lumber,	61.96
		E. B. Atkinson, work on road,	.75
		Folsom Bros.,       “	4.50
Nov.	10.	A. K. Flanders, cutting bushes,	3.75
	13.	John Whittaker, lumber,	17.89
		C. W. Carter, spikes,	1.12
Dec.	25.	L. T. Boyce, work on road,	4.50
		Ira N. Colby,       “	3.00

1884.

Jan.	26.	Town of Webster, plank for Beaver	
		Dam bridge,	.75
		Samuel Choate, work on road,	13.75
	28.	Burbank Bros., plank,	11.20
Feb.	27.	E. W. Atkinson, work,	2.68
		J. H. Flanders, work on road,	21.20
	28.	W. P. Abbott,       “	1.80
		Henry Coffin,       “	1.50
		W. D. Howser,       “	6.35

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\$323.73

#### AID TO THE POOR.

Paid as follows :

1883.

March	30.	F. L. Gerrish, aid to transients,	\$ .60
May	5.	C. W. Carter, aid to J. Sullivan,	11.68



May	5. C. W. Carter, aid to Lewis Bassett,	\$27.97
	12. C. W. Carter, aid to Lewis Bassett,	10.78
June	28. C. W. Carter, aid to Lewis Bassett,	25.72
	29. Mrs. H. C. Gage, aid to Gleason child,	12.00
July	28. N. A. Hodge, aid to daughter's child,	10.00
Aug.	3. Foote & Morse, aid to George C. Lord,	2.43
	Foote & Morse, aid to J. Hanson,	4.52
	Foote & Morse, aid to H. D. Nichols,	3.91
	30. Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plummer,	15.74
	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to J. Hanson,	2.25
	Flora A. Rowell, aid to F. J. Plummer,	3.00
	Frank L. Gerrish, aid to transient,	2.15
Sept.	6. Brown & Foote, aid to Oliver Austin,	7.00
	Brown & Foote, aid to C. M. Davis,	5.00
Oct.	4. Dr. J. J. Dearborn, to medical attendance on Hodge girl,	6.00
	23. W. G. Buxton, aid to C. M. Davis,	4.00
Nov.	6. Mrs. H. C. Gage, aid to Gleason child,	18.00
	13. C. W. Carter, aid to L. Bassett,	13.80
Dec.	26. John Shaw, aid to F. J. Plummer,	56.50
	29. W. P. Abbott, aid to F. J. Plummer,	.90

Dec.	29.	Geo. W. Fisher, aid to F. J. Plummer,	\$14.10
		Mrs. H. C. Gage, aid to Gleason child,	15.00
1884.			
Jan.	17.	E. E. Graves, aid to F. J. Plummer,	1.25
	19.	W. A. Hodge, aid to daughter's child,	10.00
	26.	J. A. Coburn, aid to L. Bassett,	7.50
	31.	C. E. Chadwick, aid to L. Bassett,	1.50
		C. E. Chadwick, aid to F. J. Plummer,	2.55
		C. W. Webster, aid to L. Bassett,	10.00
		C. W. Carter, aid to F. J. Plummer,	3.15
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plummer,	13.36
		A. G. Kimball, aid to transients,	2.25
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Charles Davis,	2.88
Feb.	17.	Dr. N. H. Arey, aid to F. J. Plummer,	31.50
		F. L. Gerrish, aid to Mrs. Toisey,	2.97
	26.	T. L. Dowlin, aid to Moses Sargent,	21.00
		Roswell Prichard, aid to Moses Sargent,	15.00
	28.	W. P. Abbott, aid to F. J. Plummer,	2.45
		C. E. Chadwick, school-books for children,	4.70
			<hr/> \$405.11
Received of Merrimack county, as per treasurer's report, aid to county charges,			\$248.43

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1883,	\$2,065.00
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Paid as follows :

*District No. 1.*

C. W. Carter, prudential committee,	\$251.00
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*District No. 2.*

Ben. W. Rowell, prudential committee,	120.00
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*District No. 3.*

John Seavey, prudential committee,	225.00
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*District No. 4.*

C. J. Rand, prudential committee,	96.00
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*District No. 5.*

Hollis Towne, prudential committee,	123.00
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*District No. 6.*

George W. Fisher, prudential committee,	135.00
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*District No. 7.*

C. M. Rolfe, prudential committee,	1,115.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,065.00

Rev. Frank Haley, school committee,	\$40.00
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Dr. A. C. Alexander, school committee,	10.00	
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		\$2,115.00

## WIERS ROAD CASE.

ISAAC K. GAGE, *Agent.*

1883.

Sept. 29.	Paid I. K. Gage,	\$239.88
Oct. 15.	“ Calvin Gage,	6.50
29.	“ James Connor,	6.25



Nov.	6.	Paid M. F. Bickford,	\$6.25	
		“ W. G. Buxton and Butler		
		& Buxton,	15.25	
1884.				
Feb.	17.	Paid W. G. Buxton, attorney		
		fees and charges,	32.51	
		“ Barnard & Barnard, attor-		
		ney fees and charges,	72.00	
			<hr/>	\$378.64

## FIRE-ENGINE WATER WAY.

Appropriation,	\$100.00
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Paid as follows :

1883.

Oct.	3.	Penacook Savings-Bank, for		
		land,	\$10.00	
		C. H. Ordway, recording deed,	.50	
		Philip Wentworth, Jr., stone,	5.00	
		Frederick Gilman, construction,	67.75	
			<hr/>	\$83.25

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid as follows :

1883.

June	30.	Henry Coffin, over-tax,	\$6.60
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1884.

Feb.	28.	W. D. Colby, collector list of 1881,	35.92	
		“ “ “ 1882,	8.52	
	29.	W. G. Buxton, collector on list of		
		1883,	50.45	
			<hr/>	\$101.49

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED.

Paid as follows :

	W. B. Burpee, surveyor,	\$17.15	
	Ira N. Colby,       “	3.09	
	E. G. Cate,         “	4.81	
1884.			
Feb. 29.	W. G. Buxton, collector,	7.39	
		————	\$32.44

## NOTES PAID.

1883.

March 27.	Paid Royal Choate, notes and interest,	\$405.39
Dec. 22.	Paid John Whittaker, notes and interest,	531.75

1884.

Feb. 29.	Paid Isaac P. Sargent, notes and interest,	530.00	
		————	\$1,467.14

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows :

1883.

April 13.	Samuel Choate, selectman, 1882,	\$2.00
Oct. 23.	W. G. Buxton, adm'r, N. Butler, treasurer,	20.83
Dec. 10.	Luther Gage, auditor,	2.00
	W. G. Buxton, adm'r, N. Butler, auditor,	2.00

1884.

Feb. 28.	C. J. Ellsworth, treasurer,	29.17
	“                   supervisor,	5.00
	C. E. Chadwick, town-clerk,	38.00
	W. P. Abbott, selectman and overseer of poor,	67.00

Feb. 28.	F. L. Gerrish, selectman and overseer of poor,	\$80.00	
	J. C. Pearson, selectman and overseer of poor,	100.00	
29.	W. G. Buxton, collector,	85.00	
		<hr/>	\$431.00

## POLICE AND CONSTABLES.

Paid as follows :

1883.			
Nov. 17.	M. E. Haines, police,	\$15.00	
1884.			
Feb. 28.	Roscoe L. Boyce, police,	10.00	
	A. G. Kimball, “	20.00	
	“ night watchman,	5.00	
	Henry Sweet, police,	13.00	
		<hr/>	\$63.00

## RECAPITULATION.

State and county taxes,	\$4,368.90
Miscellaneous,	1,491.49
Roads and bridges,	323.73
Aid to the poor,	405.11
Schools,	2,065.00
School committee,	50.00
Wiers road case,	378.64
Fire-engine water way,	83.25
Abatement of taxes,	101.49
Non-resident highway taxes worked,	32.44
Notes paid,	1,467.14
Town officers,	431.00
Police and constables,	63.00
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	\$11,261.19

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

Note to school-district No. 7,	\$257.86
“ Samuel Choate,	300.00



Notes to Chas. D. Glitten,	\$1,500.00	
Note to Isaac P. Sargent,	500.00	
" Shepard Phillips,	500.00	
Estimated interest,	165.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,222.86

## ASSETS.

J. P. Hubbard, collector, 1875,	\$10.24	
W. D. Colby,       "     1881,	88.67	
"               "     1882,	591.48	
W. G. Buxton,     "     1883,	266.79	
Cash in the hands of treasurer, including dog tax,	177.57	
Execution against petitioners for Weirs road,	114.98	
	<hr/>	\$1,249.73
Balance against the town March 1, 1884,		\$1,973.13

JOHN C. PEARSON,  
FRANK L. GERRISH,  
WILLIAM P. ABBOTT,

*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor in Boscawen.*

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the treasurer and selectmen for the year 1883-'84, report that they have examined the accounts, and find the receipts to have been, from March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1884, \$11,442.53, and the disbursements by the treasurer to have been, on outstanding orders, and upon orders drawn in 1883-'84, \$11,266.96, leaving in the hands of the treasurer a balance of \$177.57.

We also find the amount of claims allowed and orders drawn by the selectmen of 1883-'84 to be \$11,261.19.

All of which accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast.

LUTHER GAGE,  
WALTER E. SWEATT,

*Auditors.*

March 1, 1884.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## OF THE

### TOWN OF BOSCAWEN.

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The treasurer respectfully submits his annual report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 29, 1884:

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report,	\$104.56
John P. Hubbard, collector taxes 1875,	115.00
W. D. Colby, " " 1881,	144.44
" " " " 1882,	995.38
Willis G. Buxton, " " 1883,	8,045.00
Charles E. Chadwick,	1.00
State of New Hampshire, railroad tax,	600.84
" " savings-bank tax,	1,027.13
" " literary fund,	119.85
Merrimack county, aid to poor,	248.43
" " for cow,	35.00
State treasurer, bounty on crows and wood-	
chucks,	5.90
	————— \$11,442.53

#### EXPENDITURES.

Payment of outstanding orders,	11.20
Payment of orders drawn by selectmen num-	
bered from 1 to 194 inclusive,	11,253.76
Cash on hand Feb. 29, 1884,	177.57
	————— \$11,442.53
Respectfully submitted,	
CHAS. J. ELLSWORTH, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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Your committee has no failures to report. Our older teachers have surpassed themselves. All our teachers have done well. In all our schools the pupils have been diligent. In the last three years there has been great and unlooked for improvement in our schools. It is the opinion of your committee that much is to be gained by calling attention to excellences: this opinion has been steadily acted upon, and the fruits are manifest, and all good. Faults have been pointed out to the teachers, mostly in private, and by hints and suggestions. But if teachers and their pupils know what things are to be praised, they will aim at those things.

Some of our schools could not be easily surpassed by any ungraded schools in the state. Indeed, I have never seen any ungraded school that could equal two of ours. Map-drawing has been carried on in these two schools until it has reached a high degree of excellence. One of these was our "banner school" in this department last year. This year, among ungraded schools, it is probably the banner school of our state. New and better methods of teaching are rapidly gaining ground. No changes of any account have been made in text-books. Greenleaf's New Practical Arithmetic has already displaced Hagar's in three of our schools, and partly in a fourth. I have examined several series of arithmetics. The New Practical is nearly as good as the best. Under all the circumstances I recommend that this book be adopted in all our schools, together with the best primary arithmetic that can be found, making a two-book series.

Our children have used their reading-books until a change is imperatively demanded. Three of our districts need additional black-boards, and to have the old ones repainted in season for



thorough drying before the opening of the summer schools. Let it be done by some one who knows how : this is a necessity.

Except in district No. 6 all our schools have been taught by teachers residing in Boscawen. Your committee recommends the continuance of this practice. Including the school at the county farm, three new teachers are added to our Boscawen list. All of them give promise of large success.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*Miss Esther D. Gill, teacher.*

The year has been one of marked and increasing successes. In this and several other of our schools more things deserve praise than can be even mentioned.

Miss Gill has great tact and skill with the primary classes. Twice as much has been accomplished in these classes as could have been possible under the old methods. The last two examinations have been full of happy surprises. All the little ones have learned to write little notes, and to write their names, nearly all in a fine round hand. A marked feature of the final examination was the looking over of several letters which had been very neatly written by the older pupils. Almost the whole school had done excellent work in drawing. Much has been done in map-drawing: much more in map-molding. A large molding-board has supplanted the old one, and much really good work has been done on it. Pupils who learn geography by these methods can never forget it. The recitations in this branch I have marked "Nearly as good as possible."

The more advanced classes have done good work, better work than they have done before. I have no space to tell you of the very great progress made by this school in vocal music, in its difficult things. Three of the pupils, I think, have successfully passed their examinations for the first certificate in the "Tonic Sol-Fa" system.

ROLL OF HONOR.

*First Term.*

Lottie G. Brown,  
Alice Chace,  
Stella W. Carroll,  
Hattie L. Colby,

Mabel A. Carter,  
Charles H. Carter,  
Ida James,  
Agnes M. Pillsbury.

*Second Term.*

Agnes M. Pillsbury,  
Alice Chace.

*Third Term.*

Lottie G. Brown,  
Ida James.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

The first term was by Miss Kate A. Chadwick. The attendance was very good, the teacher faithful and earnest, and the results satisfactory. The older pupils worked very hard, and made great gains. All did very well.

The second term was by Ervin A. Griffin. The experience of a year ago was repeated: I found only five pupils at the final examination. Neither last year nor this was any complaint made to your committee, nor did I either year discover any reasonable ground of complaint. I can honestly do no less than to give a good report of this term so far as the school was represented at my last visit. No pupils in town have done better work than the five I saw there.

The teacher is well qualified, and seemed to have been altogether faithful. Hannah and Mary Plummer are marked in my book, "First rate." Miss Addie Woods and Ross Smith have worked hard, and have done remarkably well.

I must suggest to the citizens of this district either to forget their differences, or, for the winter term of the coming school year, to hire a teacher for half of the term only. There are bright, eager minds in this district,—hard workers, too. Give them the best and largest advantages you can.

## ROLL OF HONOR—FIRST TERM.

Fred G. Hale.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Isabel Seavey, teacher.

The progress made by this school during the year has been very great. The pupils have responded nobly to the enthusiasm of their teacher. Much valuable knowledge has been stowed away in their heads—knowledge never to be forgotten. Good work has been done in all the classes. I have never before wit-

nessed such rapid progress in grammar, by whole classes, as has been made in this school in the two years now closing. The history of our own country has been successfully studied,—maps of the great battle-fields of our late war having been made for the class, and partly by their help. The work in arithmetic was of the best.

Here was found a large wall-map of the world, in colored crayons, seven feet by four. The teacher had furnished the outlines, and had made suggestions; beyond this, it was the work of the school. Almost all the pupils had worked at it. It was a marvel of beauty and accuracy. The smaller maps, by the individual pupils, were things of beauty. Here, as in District No. 1, much good work has been done at drawing, other than map-drawing, both in books and on the board.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

##### *First Term.*

Mabel H. Colby,  
Nettie M. Sargent.

##### *Second Term.*

Mabel H. Colby,  
Edith S. Durgin,  
Mary A. Durgin,  
Frank H. Durgin,  
Lena A. Knowles.

##### *Third Term.*

Alice G. Adams.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Mrs. Aurilla L. Rand, teacher.

The first term was good; the second, better. Marked progress was noticed in reading, and commendable progress in all the classes. The teacher and her pupils were faithful. I would like to mention two or three names of those who did best.

This school has come to be very small. The eager interest of larger classes must be wanting. At the close of the last term I wondered that Mrs. Rand had accomplished so much.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

##### *Both Terms.*

Mary I. Rand.



## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Myra A. Towne, teacher.

Both terms were a large advance upon last year. Miss Towne did very thorough work, and inspired the pupils with her own spirit. The order seemed to be all that could be asked.

The teacher offered prizes for perfect recitations. In the last six weeks of the first term there 265 "perfect recitations;" during the last term, 416.

The following are names of pupils who did not miss in spelling during the last term :

Katie B. Piper,	Eva M. Simonds,
Mary L. Eastman,	George H. Swetland.
Susie E. Simonds,	

I find this record of the work of the pupils :—" Every one of them has done well."

## ROLL OF HONOR.

*First Term.*

Susie E. Simonds,	Bertha M. Eastman,
Eva M. Simonds,	Clarence A. Eastman,
Robert J. Simonds,	Walter H. Eastman,
Mary L. Eastman,	Katie B. Piper.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Mary R. Webster, a teacher of large experience, had charge of the first term. The progress made by the school was good ; the teacher was faithful and the pupils studious. I think that the parents were well satisfied with the results.

Miss Fannie May Wells had the second term. She put heart and mind into her work. At the final examination there was, as usual in this district, a large attendance of the parents and friends of the pupils, and a high degree of satisfaction with the results was expressed. Several classes are deserving of mention ; especially so is the class in analysis. Some of the pupils did better at their studies than they had ever before done.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

*First Term.*

Alice M. Hardy,  
George F. Fisher.

*Second Term.*

Robertta Atkinson,  
Minnie Atkinson,  
Susie Atkinson,  
Ava Griffin,  
Alice M. Hardy,  
Mattie Hardy,  
Florence Hardy,  
Sadie McClure,  
Herbert Rice,  
Walter Rice.

## STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

No. of district.	Term.	No. of weeks.	Whole number of pupils.	Average attendance.	Wages per month.
No. 1.	First.	11	19	19	\$24.00
No. 1.	Second.	10	30	26	28.00
No. 1.	Third.	10	22	21	28.00
No. 2.	First.	10	14	11	20.00
No. 2.	Second.	16	14	9½	20.00
No. 3.	First.	10	20	17	24.00
No. 3.	Second.	10	16	14	24.00
No. 3.	Third.	12	15	13	26.00
No. 4.	First.	8	7	6	18.56
No. 4.	Second.	11	7	4½	18.56
No. 5.	First.	11	9	8	22.00
No. 5.	Second.	9	11	7	24.00
No. 6.	First.	9	17	15	18.00
No. 6.	Second.	14	26	22	21.50

## THE SCHOOL AT THE COUNTY FARM.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Lizzie M. Choate, one of our new teachers, and "were in a good degree successful."

“She gained the good-will of her scholars, and of those in charge of the institution.”

There were twenty-four “scholars in attendance, and the appearance of the school at the close was very commendable, and the closing exercises interesting.”

FRANK HALEY,

*School Committee.*

Boscawen, Feb. 28, 1884.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

*Gentlemen :*

The results of the present school year have at least been good. Much has been accomplished, and of course greater results could have been attained under more favorable conditions. In this age, nothing that is simply good can be called satisfactory. It must be brought to the highest possible standard. We have the material for making a school which cannot be excelled, and it only requires developing. The greatest obstacle in the way of accomplishing this end is want of system.

A hundred or more children are huddled together into two rooms without any attempt at grading. The upper room is as an overflow school, receiving all that can possibly be sent up from the lower room in order to make room for new comers. To say nothing of the difficulties of the primary department, think of having sixty scholars to keep in order in one small room, and each day hear twenty-two classes ! Is there a teacher in the land who can do justice to that number ? It is impossible. What is needed is another room, which could be made in the present building without much trouble. New seats, because those now in use are not fit to be in any school-room, and then with good energetic teachers, employing only the best methods of instruction, we could have a school of which we should be justly proud.

The grammar school has been somewhat interrupted, the committee having been obliged to change teachers after the fall

term, which in itself would work to the disadvantage of any school, however well appointed.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Mr. Chas. T. Murray, a competent and skilful teacher. He succeeded in gaining the confidence of his pupils, and inspiring them with energy. The result was of course very satisfactory, and the only real criticism we might make would be in regard to discipline.

Whole number of different scholars,—first term, 38 ; second term, 48.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

First term—Willie Mann, Alice Minard, Mabel Sargent.

Second term—Annie Berry, Nellie Gilman, Mary Maher, Mabel Sargent, John Hoey, Willie Mann, Harlan Pearson, Walter Gilman.

The third or winter term has been under the charge of Geo. D. Lord, a member of the Junior class of Dartmouth college.

This was Mr. Lord's first attempt at teaching, and taking the school off the hands of another, without any previous knowledge of scholars or school, was an undertaking worthy the hands and head of an experienced instructor ; but, by a thorough knowledge of his work and persevering effort, he carried the school to a successful close, the examination showing careful drill and good advancement. Whole number of pupils, 59.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Charlie Holmes, Willie Mann, Harlan Pearson, Henry Rolfe, Frank Sargent, John Spearman, Emery Weir, John Weir, Allie Howe, Mamie Sweatt.

Of the primary department it is unnecessary to speak, except to state that it has been under the care of Miss Ella F. Stone another year. The closing exercises were witnessed by a large number of friends, and were a complete success. No better teacher can be found, as was fully shown by the tact and skill with which she has moulded these little minds to her will,—for it must be remembered that this department is a mixture of nationalities as well as of minds.



Whole number of different pupils,—first term, 51 ; second term, 54 ; third term, 55.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

First term—Allie A. Howe, Richard Jenkins, Earl Sargent, Michael Spearman, Bertha Decato, John Ingham, Harry Lord, Olin Sargent, Dan. Webster, Mary Maher, Mary Weir.

Second term—Charlie Boyce, Louis Demars, Richard Sewell, Bertha Decato, Maggie Carter, Mary Supry, Fred. Davis, Michael Spearman, John Stone, Lizzie Duffy, Emma Demars, Nellie Supry, Hattie Wheeler, Dan. Webster.

Third term—George Bassett, Fred. Davis, John Ingham, Olin Sargent, Dan. Webster, Maggie Carter, Lizzie Duffy, Grace Kimball, Charles Boyce, Burton Coleman, Harry Muzzy, Michael Spearman, Maud Ackerman, Bertha Decato, Lilian Holmes, Mary Kimball.

A. C. ALEXANDER,

*Supt. School Committee.*

PENACOOK, March 1, 1884.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### TREASURER OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

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The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report :

Appropriation from town,	\$300.00
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Treasurer acknowledges following donations :

Subscription from Webster,	\$50.50
“ Enoch P. Couch, Nashua,	5.00
“ Abial R. Chandler, Lawrence, Mass.,	10.00
“ Dea. Edgerton Raymond,	3.00
“ Abial Rolfe, Ward 1, Concord,	1.00
	\$69.50
R. S. Morrison, use of stand,	5.00

Meat, bread, and coffee sold :

Mrs. Judith Coffin,	\$2.55
Mrs. Jeremiah Chadwick,	2.10
Samuel B. Chadwick,	.55
Henry Gitchel,	.25
William P. Abbott,	1.05
E. W. Durgin,	.25
N. S. Webster,	1.40
Miss Addie L. Flanders,	.15
	\$8.30
O. A. Towne, aid in printing,	2.50
Balance paid by committee,	25.69
	\$410.99

## Paid as follows :

H. W. Bowman & Co., use of tent,	\$97.00
Telegrams,	1.18
Car fare of committee,	.60
Band,	30.00
M. F. Bickford, use of team,	3.00
Ed. Atkinson, services,	2.25
James V. Smith, teaming,	4.00
C. W. Carter, groceries,	31.11
Washing dishes,	1.20
Wooden plates,	11.50
W. A. Huntress, making coffee,	1.50
Kilburn & Young, meat,	113.00
Joseph H. Jackman, music and books,	4.50
Printing,	15.00
A. R. Ayers, crockery,	21.57
Norris & Crockett, bread,	30.00
Ben. Prichard, services,	2.00
John E. Rines, teaming,	8.00
Foote & Morse, goods,	.33
George Abbott, repairs,	1.94
John McClure, butter,	1.75
George Pillsbury, services,	3.00
Mrs. George Carter, services,	2.00
F. L. Gerrish, use of team,	7.50
Mr. Rawson, labor,	2.00
Gilman Shaw, barge,	3.00
O. A. Towne, printing,	2.50
W. H. Allen, goods, etc.,	1.00
I. K. Gage, postage, etc.,	5.24
C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, lumber,	.62
Samuel B. Chadwick, incidentals,	2.70
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	\$410.99

FRANK L. GERRISH, *Treasurer.*



## ACCOUNT OF MONEY

*Paid out by the town of Boscawen in suit of Charles E. Rines and others against said town for a new highway from Chandler street in Penacook to the dwelling-house of William Burpee in said town, via James W. I. Weir's dwelling.*

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### *Voucher 1.*

1883.

Sept. 29.	Paid Trueworthy L. Fowler, com'r, for services and expenses paid,	\$81.95
"	J. D. Philbrick, com'r, for services and expenses paid,	43.30
"	Geo. M. Knight, com'r, for services and expenses paid,	65.70
"	Hannibal Borney, expense,	4.00
"	William B. Burpee, witness fees and expense,	3.14
"	N. S. Webster, witness fees and expense,	5.00
"	Geo. Corey, witness fees and expense,	.77
"	A. G. Kimball, witness fees and service,	1.42
"	C. J. Ellsworth, witness fees,	.77
"	Chas. E. Chadwick, witness fees,	1.01
"	George and Sherman Little, witness fees,	3.82
"	Ira S. Towle, services,	.50
"	Isaac K. Gage, services, use of horse, and expense,	28.50

*Voucher 2.*

Sept. 29. Paid Calvin Gage, services,	\$6.50
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*Voucher 3.*

" James Conner, services,	4.00
" " " W. B. Flanders,	2.25

*Voucher 4.*

" Millard F. Bickford, for services,	6.25
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*Voucher 5.*

" estate of N. Butler, for his services,	8.25
" Butler & Buxton, services,	7.00

*Voucher 6.*

" W. G. Buxton, services, and cash paid out,	32.51
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*Voucher 7.*

" Barnard & Barnard, services, and cash paid out,	72.00	
		<hr/> \$378.64

Amount due the town on Executor v. The Petitioner,	114.98
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Balance,	<hr/> \$263.66
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Respectfully submitted by

ISAAC K. GAGE, *Agent.*













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